



AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please **amend** paragraph [0180] on page 63 as follows:

[0180] To detect human hepatocytes that survived transplantation in rat livers, human albumin gene sequences were sought as specific markers using a 5' primer (5'-CTGGTCTCACCAATCGGG-3') (SEQ ID NO:12) and a 3' primer (5'-CTGGTCTCACCAATCGGGGG-3') (SEQ ID NO:13). Genomic DNA extracted from Huh7 cells served as a positive control. Genomic DNA from untreated rats and from non-transplanted rats were used as negative controls.

Please **delete** the initial sequence listing filed June 12, 2003 and **insert** the Substitute Sequence Listing submitted herewith.